Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

an information managing portion; and
a nonvolatile storage medium managed by the
information managing portion and having a plurality of

6 memory areas each for storing a value of an information 7 item that is regularly accessed, wherein said information

managing portion stores one value of the information item

9 in one memory area and further wherein said information (

managing portion subsequently stores an updated value of

the information item in a different memory area such that

the one value and the updated value are both concurrently

stored in the nonvolatile storage medium for some time

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wherein said information managing portion associates a management number with each stored value of the information item, with the a different management number indicating an update of the stored value compared to the management number of the previously stored value, wherein the information managing portion utilizes the management number to select the updated value of the information

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item stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

Claim 2 (canceled).

(previously presented) A mobile Claim 3 1 2 communication terminal comprising: an information managing portion; 3 a nonvolatile storage medium; and 4 a volatile storage medium, wherein the nonvolatile 5 storage medium and the volatile storage medium are both 6 managed by the information managing portion; and wherein 7 said information managing portion stores identical 8 information into the nonvolatile storage medium and the 9 volatile storage medium, and further wherein said 10 information managing portion then compares the identical 11 information stored in both the nonvolatile storing medium 12 and the volatile storage medium for consistency during an 13 initial state, and further wherein said information 14 managing portion retrieves the information stored in the 15 nonvolatile storage medium if the information stored in 16 the volatile storage medium is not consistent with the 17 information stored in the nonvolatile storage medium. 18

Claim 4 (previously presented) A mobile

- 2 communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein
- said information managing portion checks for a normality
- of the information by comparing with the information
- stored in the nonvolatile storing medium unless a lack of
- 6 consistency of the information stored in the volatile
- 7 storing medium has occurred.
- 1 Claim 5 (previously presented) A mobile
- communication terminal as claimed in claim 4, wherein
- 3 said information managing portion stores the identical
- 4 information into the nonvolatile storing medium and the
- 5 volatile storing medium at different times.
- 1 Claim 6 (previously presented) A mobile
- communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein
- 3 said nonvolatile storage medium has a plurality of memory
- areas each for storing a value of an information item,
- and said information managing portion stores sequentially
- the values of the information items into the plurality of
- 7 memory areas of the nonvolatile storing medium.
- 1 Claim 7 (previously presented) A mobile
- 2 communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein
- 3 said nonvolatile storage medium has a plurality of memory

- areas each for storing a value of an information item, and wherein said information managing portion attaches 5 management numbers indicating updated sequences to 6 information having a higher update frequency to the 7 nonvolatile storage medium, with the attaching occurring at the time of the updating of the information, and 9 further wherein said information managing portion decides 10 which updated sequences of information having the higher 11 update frequency based on management numbers when the 12 information managing portion looks up the information 13 stored in the nonvolatile storing medium. 14
- Claim 8 (previously presented) The mobile
 communication terminal of claim 1, wherein the value of
 the information item is time information.
- Claim 9 (previously presented) The mobile
 communication terminal of claim 1, further comprising
 only a single battery.
- Claim 10 (previously presented) The mobile

 communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, wherein

 said information managing portion associates a management

 number with each stored value of the information item,

- 5 with the management number indicating an update of the
- stored value, wherein the information managing portion
- 7 utilizes the management number to select the updated
- 8 value of the information item stored in the nonvolatile
- 9 storage medium.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).

- 1 Claim 13 (previously presented) The mobile
- 2 communication terminal of claim 16, wherein the
- 3 nonvolatile memory area is one of an EEPROM and a flash
- 4 ROM.
- 1 Claim 14 (previously presented) The mobile
- 2 communication terminal of claim 16, further comprising
- only a single battery.
- 1 Claim 15 (previously presented) The mobile
- 2 communication terminal of claim 16, wherein the
- 3 information item represents time information.
- 1 Claim 16 (previously presented) A mobile
- 2 communication terminal comprising:
- an information managing portion; and

that value.

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a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of 5 memory areas, wherein said information managing portion stores a value of 6 an information item in the nonvolatile storage medium at regular time intervals by cycling through the plurality of memory areas such that each of said plurality of 9 memory areas has a value of the information item stored 10 therein, with each of the values being temporally shifted 11 when compared to each other, and further wherein, when a 12 request for a current value of the information item is 13 received, 14 said information managing portion determines which 15 of the values of the information item stored in 16 nonvolatile memory was most recently stored and retrieves 17

Claim 17-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (currently amended) A method for
extending the lifetime of a nonvolatile memory of a
communication device, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a wireless communication function for a
user of the communication device;
storing a one value of the information item in a

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- 7 first memory area of the nonvolatile memory; associating a first management number with said one 8 value: 9 storing an updated value of the information item in 10 a different memory area of the nonvolatile memory; 11 12 associating a second management number with said updated value, said first management number chosen to be 13 different than said second management number; and 14 retrieving the updated value of the information item 15 by comparing the first management number with the second 16 17 management number to identify the updated value of the information number, 18 wherein the one value and the updated value of the 19 information item are both concurrently stored in the 20
- Claim 21 (new) A method for extending the lifetime
 of a nonvolatile memory of a communication device, the
 method comprising the steps of:
- providing a wireless communication function for a user of the communication device;

nonvolatile storage medium for some time period.

- storing a one value of the information item in a first memory area of the nonvolatile memory;
- 8 associating a first management number with said one

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- 9 value; storing an updated value of the information item in 10 a different memory area of the nonvolatile memory; 11 incrementing or decrementing the value of said first 12 management number as a second management number; 13 associating said second management number with said 14 updated value; and 15 retrieving the updated value of the information item 16 by comparing the first management number with the second 17 management number to identify the updated value of the 18 information number, 19 wherein the one value and the updated value of the 2.0 information item are both concurrently stored in the 21 nonvolatile storage medium for some time period. 22
- Claim 22 (new) A mobile communication terminal
 comprising:
 a volatile storage medium;
 an information managing portion; and
 a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of
 memory areas, wherein
 said information managing portion cycles through a
 sequence of said plurality of memory areas for

concurrently storing a plurality of values of an

10	information item, and wherein
11	said information managing portion associates a
12	different management number with each one of said
13	plurality of values of the information item concurrently
14	stored, such that said information managing portion
15	retrieves the most recently stored value of the
16	information item when the mobile communications terminal
17	requests a value of the information item by utilizing
18	said different management numbers.